

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 stand rejected. New claims 33 and 34 have been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mahoney et al (U.S. Patent 5,819,271).

Claim 1 as originally filed recites “a method for providing financial services data in a communication network comprising: providing a content management application that defines a hierarchy of nodes including topic nodes arranged by topic, and enables a plurality of different content providers to publish financial services related content by uploading content to specified ones of the nodes via the communications network; and providing a content display application for displaying the uploaded content on a computerized workstation in the communications network via an on-screen display.” Claims 31 and 32 recite similar features.

With respect to claims 1, 31 and 32, the Office Action asserts that Mahoney et al disclose these features. Applicants respectfully disagree. Mahoney et al discuss a system that acquires corporate and research data from authorized contributor workstations, indexes the data and presents the corporate/research data for display to authorized users. (see Mahoney et al, col. 7, line 65 through col. 9, line 67) However, Mahoney et al do not teach or suggest defining a hierarchy of nodes or database locations that enables content providers to publish content by uploading the content to specified one of the nodes. (see Mahoney et al, FIG. 1A, col. 10, line 53 through col. 11, line 10). None of the passages cited in the office action suggest this feature.

One or more advantages can be facilitated by defining a node hierarchy and enabling the upload of content to specified nodes of the hierarchy. For example, the arrangement of nodes within the node hierarchy can be used to define the manner in which uploaded content is displayed to an authorized user. (see FIGS. 8 and 11-18 and the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 8, lines 15-22; page 9, lines 1-12; page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 2; and page 12, line 21 through page 18, line 31) As another example, entitlements can be set for individual nodes such that only specified content providers are permitted to upload

their content thereto. (see the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 4, lines 24-32; page 11, lines 4-9; page 12, lines 15-20; and page 23, lines 14-20)

For at least these reasons, claims 1, 31 and 32 are not anticipated by Mahoney et al, and thus, are believed to be patentable.

By virtue of at least their dependency to claim 1 and the additional features recited therein, claims 2-30 are also believed to be patentable.

New Claims 33-34

Claims 33-34 have been added in this amendment. Support for these new claims can be found at least in FIGS. 8 and 11-18 and the subject specification as originally filed on at least page 8, lines 15-22; page 9, lines 1-12; page 9, line 25 through page 10, line 2; and page 12, line 21 through page 18, line 31; page 4, lines 24-32; page 11, lines 4-9; page 12, lines 15-20; and page 23, lines 14-20.

New claim 33 features a method for publishing financial services related content and recites the steps of defining a hierarchy of nodes in a database, one or more of the nodes in the defined hierarchy including topic nodes arranged by topic; receiving content uploaded to specified ones of the nodes by one or more content providers for publication; and displaying the uploaded content.

New claim 34 features a system for publishing financial services related content and includes means for defining a hierarchy of nodes in a database, one or more of the nodes in the defined hierarchy including topic nodes arranged by topic; means for receiving content uploaded to specified ones of the nodes by one or more content providers for publication; and means for displaying the uploaded content.

As previously discussed, Mahoney et al discuss a system that acquires corporate and research data from authorized contributor workstations, indexes the data and presents the corporate/research data for display to authorized users. (see Mahoney et al, col. 7, line 65 through col. 9, line 67) However, Mahoney et al do not teach or suggest defining a hierarchy of nodes that enables content providers to publish content by uploading the content to specified one of the nodes. (see Mahoney et al, FIG. 1A, col. 10, line 53 through col. 11, line 10).

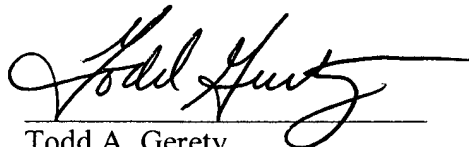
For at least this reason, new claims 33-34 are also believed to be patentable, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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